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I'm confident that everyone present is familiar with Mr. Mills' 39 years of distinguished service as a congressman, and more particularly as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, a position he held from 1958 until his retirement in 1977. The youngest congressman ever elected chairman of that influential committee, Mr. Mills also had the longest tenure as its chairman.

Mr. Mills was born in Kensett, Arkansas. He attended Hendrix College and Harvard Law School and was admitted to the practice of law before the Supreme Court of Arkansas in November 1933 and before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1939. Mr. Mills served as County and Probate Judge in Arkansas from 1934 until his election to the House of Representatives in 1938. Mr. Mills retired from Congress in 1977 and is presently counsel to the law firm of Shea and Gould in their Washington, D.C., office.

Mr. Mills is with us this afternoon at my invitation and as the guest and inaugural speaker for the Agency Alcohol Program. Mr. Mills' experiences are a reminder that alcoholism is a disease that can strike anyone at anytime and can be overcome. It is my pleasure to introduce to you our distinguished speaker, the Honorable Wilbur Mills.

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